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LOCAL CLUB WILL BE HOST AT BANQUET

Heppner Commercial Club Will Bring
Irrigationists Together Here on
March 4, When Emmett Callahan
of Boardman Will Speak.

The Heppner Commercial Club will be host to a large number of outside visitors on Thursday evening, March 24, when a banquet will be served in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Irrigation will be the main theme for discussion and prominent Oregon citizens will be here to address the meeting.

Men who have taken a lead in local irrigation matters will be present, including Claude C. Clark of Arlington, president of the John Day Irrigation District, Eddie Reimann and M. D. Clark, directors of the same organization, as well as a number of prominent irrigators and Boardman citizens. Another prominent speaker who will be in attendance is George Quayle, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The executive committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, which has been putting over a lot of constructive work since the bureau was organized, will be given a mark of appreciation when they will attend the banquet as guests of the Commercial club.

An interesting program is being arranged by a committee from the Club.

Harry Duval Lowers Cost of Wheat Production

Harry Duval, north Lexington farmer who has as good an artesian well on his ranch as will be found anywhere, has found a secret for lowering the high cost of wheat production. It's a tractor, according to Mr. Duval, a new "Best Sixty Tractor" which was unloaded at the station on February the 13th. He began operations on the 14th, since that time up to the present he has put in one hundred and eighty six hours of actual plowing time. He has plowed better than 400 acres of land, plowing at an average depth of 7 inches. Fuel cost has been one gallon of distillate per acre and one-half gallon of cylinder oil each twenty four hours. Horses never were in it at all, believes Mr. Duval, when it comes to turning over the ground at plow time.

Road Sale Will Be Called on March 6th

The public sale at the Walter Rood ranch on Heppner Flat will be held on Saturday, March 6th, when a long list of wagons, plows, harrows and other farming machinery will go to the highest bidder. It will be one of the largest sales held in the county for some time.

What Happened When the Giraffe Got His Feet Wet.

The topmost and most altitudinous giraffe in the New York zoo got his feet wet about a week ago, or anyway, so the report goes, it was a week after he got his feet wet that he developed a sore throat. In treating him, the zoo attendants used six rolls of absorbent cotton, 10 yards of red flannel and an hour of the head keeper's time to bandage the ailing portion of the giraffe's anatomy.

Lowden Abolishes Grade Crossings.

In planning the \$87,000,000 good roads system for Illinois Governor Frank O. Lowden has insisted on measures to make travel safe. The plans for 1,000 miles of hard roads which are to be constructed this year provide for the elimination of more than forty railroad grade crossings, the chief element of danger. Viaducts and subways will be built to negotiate these crossings. Following this program of "safety first" the Illinois highway authorities expect to have the safest system of roads of any state in the union. The good roads program was put through by Governor Lowden. More than 200 miles were built last year, and when the full sum available through automobile taxes and federal aid has been expended, 4,800 miles of hard surfaced highways will have been added to the state's thoroughfares.

CERTAINLY all young people are interested in the things which will do them the most good. One of the best things possible for any young person to do is to take part in Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor work. Come to the Christian church next Sunday evening at 6:30 sharp and take part in the discussion of the topic "The Results of Our Words and Deeds" under the leadership of Miss Pearl Hall. Some special have been prepared which will be mighty interesting as well as entertaining. The contest is becoming livelier each Sunday.

Surveyors Begin Work of Laying Off Morrow Tract

A crew of surveyors started work this week laying off the Morrow tract of 40 acres on the East Hill, into streets and lots. It is estimated by the engineer in charge that it will require three or four weeks to complete the work. Estimates have already been made by the engineer for the grading of a half-mile of streets, and this work will be undertaken just as soon as the survey is completed.

SCREEN VERSION OF CURWOOD'S GREAT NORTH STORY HERE SATURDAY

Under Title of "Back to God's Country" Famous Magazine Work Will Be Shown at the Star.

Heralded by exceptional tributes from Eastern critics, who declare it to be a most novel photoplay, "Back to God's Country," adapted from James Oliver Curwood's celebrated magazine story, "Wapi, the Walrus," will play at the Star theater, Saturday, Feb. 28.

Probably no person alive has the knack of writing on the psychology of the relationship between animal and man that characterizes the literary work of Curwood. And in his picture, which was supervised by himself in the Arctic regions in a temperature of 52 degrees below zero, a faithful attention to detail has made this photoplay far more vivid than his story.

"Back to God's Country" is based essentially upon the theme that kindness to animals results in reflecting and generating that kindness to the giver whereas, cruelty and torture serve to incite an animal to fiendish savagery. Curwood writes his story about Wapi, the killer, a great Dane upon whom no man or beast has ever lavished a kind word or act. Another thread of the story leads to Nell Shipman as Dolores LeBeau, a girl living with her father in the wilds of Canada and whom all the animals near her home have learned to love. When Fate takes Dolores and a helpless husband into the Arctic regions, she is brought into touch with the dog, who has received the name of "the killer" from the Eskimos and traders whom he has frightened through his fiendishness. Dolores' kindness wins his friendship. How Wapi saves the lives of Dolores and her husband, who are fleeing across the barren lands in a sleigh, is one of the most unusual scenes ever shown on the Star theater's screen.

KATIE MINERT WILL RUN FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Miss Katie Minert, well known local young woman, announces that she will be a candidate before the Republican primaries for the nomination to the office of county treasurer. It was only after the earnest solicitation of her many friends, that Miss Minert decided to enter the contest. She is a highly efficient bookkeeper and well qualified to perform the duties of the office. Miss Minert is stenographer and bookkeeper in the Roy V. White's real estate office, has spent the larger part of her life in this city and her friends are a legion. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Natter, pioneer residents of Heppner.

T. J. Humphreys, the present treasurer, has stated that he will not be a candidate for re-election and it is understood that he is lending his support to Miss Minert.

ELLEN A. GRIFFIN
Ellen A., daughter of Phillip and Missouri McNabb, was born in Iowa December 29, 1856, was the oldest of a family of ten children; two boys and eight girls.

On March 24, 1886, she was united in marriage to Frank M. Griffin and moved to Oregon in 1892. Since that time the family had made their home on the ranch southeast of Ione, which was the homestead taken up by Mr. Griffin upon their arrival in Morrow county.

She had always been a believer in the teachings of the Bible and united with the church on April 3, 1916. Mrs. Griffin was a charter member of the Ione Rebekah lodge.



PATRON-TEACHERS WILL MEET FRIDAY

Child Welfare to be the Main Topic
for Discussion—Good Program
Will Be Offered.

The regular monthly meeting of the Patron-Teachers association will be held at the high school auditorium on tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 2:30, at which time a program in the interest of child welfare will be presented. This subject will be well illustrated by slides from the Oregon Agricultural College.

Miss Dufee, teacher of music in the school, will have charge of this feature of the program, and her pupils will present a number of selections. These meetings are always open to the public, and patrons and friends of the school are especially invited to be present. Attention is especially called to the fact that the program will be given at 2:30 in the afternoon, instead of in the evening as heretofore.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brantley of Pendleton have arrived in Heppner and will make their home here for the next few months. Mr. Brantley is superintendent for Geist Brothers and will take charge of the construction work on the new water system.

Salvation Army Man Here.
Chas. E. Wildish, field representative for the Salvation Army, is spending a few days in Heppner. His office is in Portland.

Margaret Clark Charming in "Out of a Clear Sky."

When it comes to marrying a German prince, the average Belgian woman may be pardoned if she protests. But when Celeste, countess of Bersek and Krynn, refused to become a member of the family of a Hun prince as his wife, her protests were unavailing until she literally took the bit in her own teeth and escaped from her native country in search of happiness and freedom in the United States.

This is the basis of the story of "Out of a Clear Sky," the new Paramount photoplay starring Margaret Clark which will be shown at the Star theater next Sunday. It serves to provide Miss Clark with one of the most poignant roles in which she has been seen on the screen in many months. The photoplay has much enjoyable comedy and there are numerous dramatic moments that grip and hold the attention of the audience.

Miss Clark is supported by exceptionally clever players, her leading man being Thomas Melghan. The picture is based upon the novel by Maria Thompson Davie and it was capably directed by Marshall Neilan.

Prominent visitors in Heppner today from Lexington are Jos. Eskelson, W. F. Barnett, J. Fred Lucas and George McMillan.

FOR SALE—I will sell one of the best brood sows on earth. See her at the Nurseries in Heppner.

HARRY CUMMINGS.

MAN WITH 8-HORSE TEAM—wants job on ranch for summer or by the year. For full particulars inquire at The Gazette-Times office. 2tp.

NEW STORE HOME OPENS TO PUBLIC

Pioneer Hardware Firm of Gilliam & Bisbee Now Settled in Their Fire-Proof Structure at Corner of Main and May Streets.

After several days' moving, the pioneer firm of Gilliam & Bisbee, local hardware and implement dealers, opened their brand new doors to the public this week and have extended a cordial invitation to everybody to come in and "look over" their new home. It is conceded by many to be the finest hardware store building in the state outside of Portland and was built by the firm at a cost of nearly \$50,000.

The outward appearance of the structure, with its red and white pressed brick and the substantial concrete pillars, is well sustained from within by the neatly plastered walls and excellent taste in the finishing of all the wood work. All of the fixtures, counters and show cases, together with a large stock, are new. The full basement virtually gives the firm three full stories. The basement will be used for storage purposes, the ground floor for sales room and offices while the top story will be given over to the display of wagons and farm machinery.

The entire building is arranged for the greater convenience in the handling of goods. A large doorway in the rear permits a loaded truck to drive right into the building, where the load is transferred to the elevator and then taken upstairs or down, as may be chosen. Another feature is a large concrete addition to the main building which will be devoted exclusively to the plumbing department.

There are few towns anywhere the size of Heppner that can boast of a finer store building. It stands as a monument to the business integrity of the firm which brought it to realization, and is suggestive of their belief in the future of Heppner and the large trading area round about.

WORK IS STARTED ON NEW GRAVITY SYSTEM

Geist Brothers, Pendleton contractors, who have the general construction contract for trenching and laying of pipeline for Heppner's gravity water system, are establishing their camps this week and from now on the work will be rushed at all possible speed.

The first camp will be on the Frank Monahan ranch just above town and E. E. Geist announces that from 15 to 25 men will be engaged in the work of trenching. The work will proceed up the creek for a distance of three miles, that being the unit of which will be constructed of redwood pipe. From there on, the work will be done by Geist Brothers in conjunction with the Walla Walla Concrete Pipe company. Carl Brantley of Pendleton is the superintendent in charge of Geist Brothers construction work. He is now on the job.

The Heppner Garage received a shipment of new Buick cars the past week.

Mrs. Case Was Hostess To Federated Missionary Society

Mrs. M. L. Case was the charming hostess on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Center street to the members of the Federated Missionary society. She was assisted by Mrs. Fred Case, Mrs. Walter Cason, Mrs. Emile Kelly and Mrs. Black. A number of non-member guests were also present. The meeting opened with roll call and devotionals led by Mrs. S. E. Notson. Mrs. Carver read a paper entitled, "A Crusade of Compassion in the Near East." There were 42 present. After the program, refreshments and a social time were enjoyed. Miss Lula Hagr is the secretary.

Patron-Teachers' Meeting.

The program will be in the interest of child-welfare, illustrated by slides from the O. A. C. The musical part of the program will be given by Miss Dufee's pupils in the school. We wish especially to call attention to the fact that the program will be in the afternoon at 2:30. The program will be of especial interest to mothers, as the slides will illustrate the care of a baby.

Veteran Jewels Presented.

Two veteran members of Doric lodge No. 20, were recently presented with 25 year jewels in recognition of their long activity as members of the Knights of Pythias. W. W. Smead, present Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance of Doric No. 20, and Frank McFarland, who now makes his home in Portland but still retains his membership here, were the recipients of the jewels.

Rev. B. S. Hughes, of Burns, will preach at the Federated church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

New York to Lead Cities of World in Population.

New York, Feb. 23.—New York will be shown by the 1920 census to be indisputably the biggest city in the world.

Results of the census, which will be available in Washington about March 15, will, according to census officials, give to the metropolitan district of New York a population of 8,500,000, as compared with an estimated population of 7,500,000 for the metropolitan district of London—an excess of 1,000,000 in favor of New York.

The metropolitan district of New York includes suburban territory in Westchester county, parts of Connecticut and Long Island and some sections of New Jersey.

The population of New York exclusive of adjacent territory, census officials declare, will be between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 as compared to 4,766,883 which was the federal census figure in 1910. In 1911 the population of London proper was 4,522,967, or 243,919 less than New York's population in the previous year.

Big Rush For Land Expected.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson is expected to take final action on the so-called "oil leasing bill" which provides for the release of oil and mineral lands within the next 24 hours.

The president is expected to sign the bill as it is understood to have received the approval of Secretary of the Interior Lane, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of the Interior-to-be Payne and Gifford Pinchot, famous conservationist.

According to reports reaching Washington there will be a grand rush for the lands where there is supposed to be oil as soon as it becomes known that the president has approved the measure. It is said the claimants are camping within striking distance of reserves like "crows on a fence" and the rush will eclipse anything that was witnessed in the old "homestead days."—Journal.

McNary Bill Urges Airplanes for Use As Forest Patrol.

Washington, February 23.—Senator McNary introduced an amendment to the agricultural bill appropriating \$60,000 for cooperation with the war department in airplane patrol of national forests in the Pacific and Rocky mountain states. This appropriation was refused by the house. The senate committee, of which McNary is a member, will take up the bill Wednesday. He announced it his purpose to urge it earnestly.

"The practicability of airplanes for fire protection has been established," said the senator, "and I think the government should enter on the plan with greater energy. If this appropriation is granted, the forest service contemplates establishing bases at Eugene, Medford and La Grande, and the plan calls for the use of 29 patrols, 92 planes and 930 pigeons in the Northwest area, including Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Northeastern Wyoming.

J. H. Lang, local machinist, has returned from a brief visit to his family in Portland. His family will join Mr. Lang here as soon as they can find a house.

Mrs. Fred Farrior is visiting with relatives and friends in Portland.

High School Boys Break Even on Trip to Condon-Fossil

The Heppner high school basketball five returned home Sunday evening from a trip to Condon and Fossil, bringing with them one victory and one defeat. The first game was played against the Condon high school team, which resulted favorably for the locals, the score being 17 to 22.

From there Coach Burlingame's proteges journeyed to Fossil and ran up against the real thing, when the Wheeler county boys slipped over 32 points while Heppner was gathering in but 23. The game was said to have been a fast one and closely fought throughout.

Will Start Water System.

E. E. Geist returned Sunday from Heppner where he has the contract for building the city's new \$100,000 water system. Work is to begin at once on the system and 14 miles of pipeline will be laid. There will be 16 miles of concrete pipe, three miles of wooden pipe and one mile of iron pipe. The work will require most of the spring and summer to complete. —Pendleton East Oregonian.

Idaho Man Buys Land in North Morrow.

Roy V. White, local real estate dealer, reports that he has just sold 600 acres of land in the artesian well section north of Lexington to W. I. Patrick of Genesee, Idaho. Mr. Patrick, who was here the past week, has gone back to Idaho but expects to return here at a later date.

Will Reside in California.

Claude Keithley of Eight Mile, who recently sold his ranch there to Ora E. Adkins, is making preparations to move with his family to southern California. Mr. Keithley expects to buy a tract of land in the south and reside there permanently. He expects to leave in about a month.

Pete Benson Passes.

Pete Benson, a resident of the Ione section, passed away in that city the first of the week. He was a victim of heart trouble. The funeral was held in Ione today. Mr. Benson had been a farmer out north of Ione for a number of years, but had sold his ranch about a year ago and had retired. He was about sixty years of age and leaves no immediate family. Mrs. Swen Troedson of Ione is a sister.

The students of the local high school are working on a play, "Six Miles From a Lemon" which will be presented to the public about the middle of March.

OREGON MINISTERS WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

Ministers of Oregon, over 450 of whom have notified the Interchurch World Movement headquarters at Portland that they will be in attendance at the Pastors' Conference to be held March 3, 4 and 5, will be entertained during their stay in Portland under the "Harvard Plan." Arrangements are being made through the Portland City Church Federation to provide lodging, or lodging and breakfast, for each pastor at the home of a Portland member of his denomination, either free or at a nominal rate.

Transportation fees will be met by the Interchurch Movement itself. Members of the local congregation of each pastor have been asked to help defray the other expenses incidental to travel and returns received by the State headquarters of the Interchurch World Movement show a broadspread willingness to assist in the work.

Ralph E. Diefendorfer, in charge of the Interchurch surveys that are being made in the United States, Hawaii, Alaska and the West Indies, will be one of the extensive staff of nationally-known men which forms the team to address the Oregon pastors at Portland. These surveys cover American cities and all phases of city life; town and country life; a special study of migrant workers—that great army of a million and a half men and women; a study of the negroes; mountain people; of orientals in America and their special relation to the international problems; of a million Spanish speaking people of the southwest; and of the Indians of this country—contrary to general opinion an increasing, not a vanishing race.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whittington of Bend are guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Clark while they are here on business. Mr. Whittington is in the theater business in the Central Oregon metropolis.

DON'T FAIL to attend the Christian Endeavor Meeting at the Federated Church, at 6:30 p. m. next Sunday. The topic, "Results of our Words and Deeds," calls our attention to facts which justify the Divine warning, "Be not deceived.—Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

NEW FAIR ASSOCIATION BEGINS MOVING

Representative Citizens of Morrow County Met in County Court Room to Discuss Plans and Methods of Building a Good Fair.

Representative citizens of Morrow county met in the court room at the court house in this city on Saturday afternoon and discussed plans and methods for making a better county fair.

The meeting was called to order by A. Henriksen of Cecil, who acted as chairman and L. A. Hunt, county agent, was selected to serve as secretary. The chairman then gave a brief resume of work done by the Farm Bureau and Commercial Club committees to date. Remarks were made by Arthur Gemmell of Lexington and Dean T. Goodman, W. P. Mahoney, Matt T. Hughes, W. W. Smead, Frank Gilliam, Fred Tash and S. E. Notson.

On a move by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Smead, that a nominating committee be appointed to name a board of directors from the various sections of the county, the chair appointed the following committee: C. C. Paine of Boardman, W. P. Mahoney, M. D. Clark, F. R. Brown, Matt T. Hughes, H. F. Tash, E. E. Rugg and D. M. Ward.

Mr. Henriksen was unanimously appointed chairman of the finance committee with power to appoint his own assistants in selling the stock of the new association. The meeting then adjourned.

The following directors were recommended by the nominating committee:

Frank Young, Gooseberry; Ed Rugg, Rhea creek; Oscar Keithley, Eight Mile; Theodore Anderson, Liberty; Fred Ashbaugh, Tilden Williams, Hardman; Percy Hughes, Lena; Chas. H. Bartholomew, Pine City; C. Melville, Alpine; Eddie Reimann, Wells Springs; John Wrightman, Matt T. Hughes, C. A. Minor, Jeff Jones, M. D. Clark, Heppner; W. G. Scott, Joe Devine, Lexington; Chas. Erwin, Chas. B. Sperry, Ione; Fred Ely, Morgan; A. Henriksen, Jack Hynd, Cecil; Roy Campbell, Social Ridge; Chas. Dillabaugh, W. O. King, Boardman; E. M. Hulden, Black Horse.

Big Shipment of Fordson

Tractors Will Aid Morrow Farmers in Spring Work.

Fourteen new Fordson tractors direct from the factory have arrived this week and will be placed among as many farmers in this county who have placed their orders for this popular machine. Chas. H. Latourell, the local dealer, says that he has already sold a number of Fordsons and is receiving inquiries daily as to when deliveries can be made. In answer to the delivery query, Mr. Latourell says that deliveries of those on hand will be made immediately and that he hopes to receive another shipment within the next few days. The Fordson, as the name implies, is manufactured by Henry Ford and his son at Ford Dearborn, Michigan.

Leonard Ashbaugh, Eight Mile farmer, was in the city on Wednesday.

County Agent Hunt went to Butter creek on Wednesday to look after some irrigation matters.

Ora E. Adkins of Eight Mile was a Wednesday business man in Heppner.

Walter Crosby was down from his Willow creek farm on Wednesday. He is slowly convalescing from an attack of the flu.

Jas. Kirk of upper Willow creek was in town Wednesday and reports that his folks have now about all recovered from their recent illness.

Friends of Sam Stevens, overseas veteran, have received word here that he was married in Condon last Saturday to Miss Joyce Teeters. The bride is a Cottage Grove girl and has been teaching in the Condon schools.

City Engineer Hickey has returned to Heppner after an absence of several weeks and will remain here now until the completion of the new gravity water system. His family will be here with him. They will live in the Victor Groshen residence in north Heppner.

O. T. Ferguson, Sand Hollow farmer, has had his name added to the subscription list of this great family journal. Mr. Ferguson has been getting around with the aid of crutches since misfortune befell him sometime back. One leg was broken when he was thrown from his horse.

A recent new subscriber to the Gazette-Times is W. B. Ewing of Oakland, Oregon. Mr. Ewing was formerly a resident of Morrow county, having lived in the Cecil country for many years. He said out here a few years ago to A. Henriksen, Mr. Ewing says he likes the Oakland country quite well.